

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1 and 36 to 47 are now pending in the application and are subject to discussion.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Regarding rejection of claims 1, 36-40 and 41-44 based on 35 USC 112, the Applicant disagrees according to the following arguments:

The Applicant submits that a person skilled in the art would have been able to understand that "the identified correspondent key" is not communicated "outside the SIPS" (as described in claims 36 and 41) or that "said second encryption key" is not communicated "over said generally unsecured transmission link" since paragraph 71 of the published application says "It must be noted that the only secret datum communicated from the SIPS, therefore in a less secure environment, is the key B identifier (in a secure form)." (emphasis added).

The Applicant submits that a person skilled in the art would understand that if "the only secret datum communicated from the SIPS" is "the key B identifier", a contrario, all the other secret data, including any encryption key, is not communicated. Thus the negative limitation has basis in the original disclosure. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the 112 rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

A revised Office Action is respectfully requested.

Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Regarding rejection of claims 45 to 47 based on 35 USC 103, the Applicant reserves their right to provide a response at a later date, in view of the outcome of examination of claims 1, and 36 to 44 regarding the §112 rejection.

The Applicant submits that all other claims rejected or otherwise allowable herein not discussed, are dependent upon claim 1, claim 36 or claim 41 and thus should be found allowable.

In the event that there are any questions concerning the Response to Office Action or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully,

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